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- 1. IN MEETING WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNTERPARTS FEBRUARY 19 EUR/SOV OFFICER RESTATED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER IMBALANCE IN TRAVEL SITUATION IN US AND USSR AND RECENT INCREASE IN MFA TURNDOWNS OF EMBASSY MOSCOW REQUESTS TO ENTER OPEN AS WELL AS CLOSED AREAS. WE INDICATED THAT, WHILE WE WOULD PREFER TO MAINTAIN A LIBERAL POLICY WITH REGARD TO TRAVEL, WE WILL BE RETALIATING FOR TURNDOWNS IN USSR.
- 2. ON FEBRUARY 20 EUR/SOV OFFICER ADVISED SOVIET EMBASSY TRAVEL SECTION THAT IN RESPONSE TO MFA REQUIREMENT THAT FUTURE EMBASSY MOSCOW REQUESTS FOR CONSULAR TRAVEL TO CLOSED AREAS BE FIRST COORDINATED WITH CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, SIMILAR CONSULTATION (WITH EUR/SOV) WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR TRAVEL TO US CLOSED AREAS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID WE PREFERRED KEEP PROCEDURE AS INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE-I.E. THAT PRIOR CONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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